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Mr. Chris Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of July 14, 1990, concerning environmental sensitivities and the material from the "Ashford Report".

The Laboratory Centre for Disease Control, in collaboration with national voluntary and professional health agencies, convened an international workshop on environmental sensitivity on May 24, 1990. I understand that you have met with officials from LCDC to discuss the outcome of that workshop.

The role of environmental factors in psychiatric illness is an area that requires much more basic and applied research. We know already, for example, that severe vitamin deficiencies, certain medical drugs and certain toxic chemicals can adversely affect brain function. It would be very surprising if there are not many more discoveries which may elaborate the link between brain and the environment.

Thank you for your continuing interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Catley-Carlson

* I hope you found it useful.